

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Replacement sheets for Figures 1-2 are filed herewith. The replacement sheets include labels as requested by the Examiner.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Amendment, Claims 1 and 11 are amended and replacement sheets for Figures 1-2 are provided.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the drawings. Applicant respectfully submits that the replacement drawing sheets filed herewith, obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,697,840 to Godefroid, *et al.* (Godefroid) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,669,125 to Kirmse, *et al.* (Kirmse). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In exemplary embodiments of the present invention encompassed by the claims, address information found in one application in a first user's computer is associated with presence information for other users via a presence service.

In contrast, Godefroid discloses a way of using information about applications that are currently used by a first user to generate presence information about the first user, which can be sent to a second user (for example, if he/she is logged on but the screen saver is on on). The first user can decide who is to receive presence information on what level, so that not everyone can see, for example, where he/she is or exactly what he/she is doing.

Godefroid describes, more or less, the *opposite* situation to which exemplary embodiments of the present invention are directed. Consistent with exemplary embodiments variously encompassed by the pending claims, a first user can use an application to identify other users for which presence information should be retrieved. The presence service can then retrieve the information. In contrast, in Godefroid's

disclosure an application can generate presence data about the first user, which can be provided to other users. Accordingly, Godefroid fails to disclose or suggest connecting a presence program logic to an application not already having functions for presence service, but having addresses representing different objects, comprising interfaces for extensibility and operating in a terminal belonging to the user, connecting said presence program logic to a presence managing system, and utilizing at least one interface present in the application to perform presence service for at least one object represented by an address in the application, as recited in Claim 1, and similar features recited in Claim 11.

Kirmse discloses an association between an instant message service and a game or other multi-user application. A "buddy list" found in the messaging service can be used to invite other people in the buddy list to participate in a game, or search for games in which one's buddies are participating. There is no presence detection service as such involved. Accordingly, Kirmse fails to overcome the deficiencies of Godefroid discussed above with respect to independent Claims 1 and 11.

For at least the above reasons, Godefroid and Kirmse, when considered both separately and in combination, fail to disclose or suggest the claimed invention. Withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Godefroid in view of Kirmse is respectfully requested.

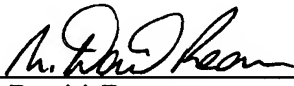
Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration on the merits and prompt allowance are respectfully requested. In the event any questions arise regarding this

communication or the application in general, please contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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